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Title: Apparatus and Methods for the Treatment of Prsbyopia using Fiber-coupled Lasers

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Dear Sir:

In response to your Office Action mailed on 06/28/01, please find Amendment below.

SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, lines 11,12 and 16: change all "corneal" to "scleral"
page 6, line 13: change "cornea" to "sclera"

CLAIMS: (revised as follows per Examiner's comments)

1. A method, adaptable for performing presbyopic correction in which a portion of the corneal sclera tissue is removed by steps of:
 - (a) selecting a laser beam having a predetermined wavelength;
 - (b) selecting a beam spot controller mechanism, said beam spot controller to reduce and focus said laser beam to a fiber delivery unit;
 - (c) controlling the said fiber delivery unit to deliver said laser beam in a said predetermined pattern onto a plurality of positions on the scleral surface to remove portion of the sclera tissue outside the limbus area, whereby a presbyopic patient's vision is corrected to see near by increasing the accommodation of the eye's lens.
2. A method of claim 1, wherein said laser beam is an ultraviolet laser having a wavelength range of about (0.15 - 0.36) microns and a pulse duration less than about 200 nanoseconds.
3. A method of claim 1, wherein said laser beam is an infrared laser having a wavelength range of about (1.4 - 3.2) microns.
4. A method of claim 3, wherein infrared laser is an optically pumped Erbium:YAG laser having a wavelength of about 2.9 microns.
5. A method of claim 1, wherein said laser beam is an ArF excimer laser having a wavelength of 193 nm.
6. A method of claim 1, wherein said laser beam is a XeCl excimer laser having a wavelength of 308 nm.